



LYNN

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The City of Lynn was settled by colonists from the New England Company in Salem in 1629. Early settlers relied primarily on family farming and shell fishing although an iron works was established in the city in 1643. Leather tanning became a major industry very early on and by 1775 there were a string of tanneries along Black Marsh Brook, called Tanney Brook, to the harbor. When the MBTA was extended from Boston to Salem in 1837, it went through Lynn, encouraging growth in the shoe industry and a factory district was created as well as shoe workers' neighborhoods of boardinghouses. The Civil War brought great prosperity to the city and further growth of the shoe factories. Even the fires of 1869 and 1889, which destroyed much of the central business district from Central Square to Broad Street, didn't stop expansion. The gutted buildings were simply replaced by five and six story shoe factories.

While Lynn developed its major industrial capacity, handsome summer estates were being built along its shore by the middle of the 19th century. These established the city as a fashionable Boston resort area. At least a dozen large shore estates were built and other land was subdivided for increasingly suburban residential development. When Lynn Shore Drive was opened in 1910, it encouraged the development of high rises to take advantage of the shore view.

Lynn, now the largest city in Essex County, is an urban manufacturing and commercial center, densely populated and culturally diverse. Residents are proud of the city's long history, which parallels the history of New England as a whole.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts on the northern shore of Massachusetts Bay. Bordered by Saugus and Lynnfield on the west, Peabody and Salem on the north, Swampscott and the Atlantic Ocean on the east, and Nahant and Revere on the south. Lynn is 9 miles north of Boston; 51 miles east of Worcester; 95 miles south of Portland, Maine; and 229 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 13.50 sq. miles

Land Area: 10.81 sq. miles

Population: 81,245

Density: 7,516 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F
Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F
Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Lynn, Salem, Reading, Boston North

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 598-4000

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1629

As a city: 1850

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 36,187

Democrats 20,192 55.8 % Republicans 3,045 8.4 % Other parties 17 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 12,933 35.7 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Lynn city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	89,050	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	89,050	100.0
Male.....	43,079	48.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	16,383	18.4
Female.....	45,971	51.6	Mexican.....	853	1.0
Under 5 years.....	6,506	7.3	Puerto Rican.....	3,769	4.2
5 to 9 years.....	7,062	7.9	Cuban.....	148	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	6,701	7.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	11,613	13.0
15 to 19 years.....	6,152	6.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	72,667	81.6
20 to 24 years.....	5,770	6.5	White alone.....	55,630	62.5
25 to 34 years.....	13,496	15.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	14,131	15.9	Total population.....	89,050	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	11,067	12.4	In households.....	87,706	98.5
55 to 59 years.....	3,779	4.2	Householder.....	33,511	37.6
60 to 64 years.....	3,039	3.4	Spouse.....	13,313	15.0
65 to 74 years.....	5,591	6.3	Child.....	28,692	32.2
75 to 84 years.....	4,291	4.8	Own child under 18 years.....	21,110	23.7
85 years and over.....	1,496	1.7	Other relatives.....	6,640	7.5
Median age (years).....	34.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	2,288	2.6
18 years and over.....	64,999	73.0	Nonrelatives.....	5,550	6.2
Male.....	30,706	34.5	Unmarried partner.....	2,221	2.5
Female.....	34,293	38.5	In group quarters.....	1,344	1.5
21 years and over.....	61,451	69.0	Institutionalized population.....	738	0.8
62 years and over.....	13,133	14.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	606	0.7
65 years and over.....	11,368	12.8	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	4,433	5.0	Total households.....	33,511	100.0
Female.....	6,935	7.8	Family households (families).....	21,033	62.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	10,891	32.5
One race.....	84,731	95.1	Married-couple family.....	13,313	39.7
White.....	60,462	67.9	With own children under 18 years.....	6,298	18.8
Black or African American.....	9,394	10.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	5,883	17.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	332	0.4	With own children under 18 years.....	3,751	11.2
Asian.....	5,730	6.4	Nonfamily households.....	12,478	37.2
Asian Indian.....	353	0.4	Householder living alone.....	10,402	31.0
Chinese.....	204	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	3,971	11.8
Filipino.....	77	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	12,056	36.0
Japanese.....	27	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	8,446	25.2
Korean.....	68	0.1	Average household size.....	2.62	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1,112	1.2	Average family size.....	3.31	(X)
Other Asian ¹	3,889	4.4	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	79	0.1	Total housing units.....	34,637	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	5	-	Occupied housing units.....	33,511	96.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	53	0.1	Vacant housing units.....	1,126	3.3
Samoa.....	8	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	13	-	occasional use.....	68	0.2
Some other race.....	8,744	9.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	4,319	4.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.3	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	33,511	100.0
White.....	63,262	71.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	15,277	45.6
Black or African American.....	11,196	12.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	18,234	54.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	796	0.9	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.81	(X)
Asian.....	6,710	7.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.46	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	221	0.2			
Some other race.....	11,406	12.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	414
Conventional Federal:	460

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	476
Federal (Section 8):	1,931



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Lynn is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 107 and 129.

Rail

Commuter rail service is available to North Station, Boston, from Lynn. Travel time: 22-24 min.; 965 MBTA parking spaces. The Springfield Terminal Railway offers freight service to Lynn. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Lynn is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA offers fixed route service to neighboring communities and frequent service to Boston. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility located 3 mi. NW of Beverly Center, has three asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Logan International Airport is easily accessible from Lynn. The Blue Line provides service to Airport Station which has shuttle buses to all airport terminals



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Lynn Historical Society
125 Green Street
(781) 592-2465

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Atlanticare Medical Center

Long Term Care

Abbott House Nursing Home
Alba Nursing Home
Ann Carroll Nursing Home
Crestview Manor Nursing Home
Essex Convalescent Home
Joseph B Devlin Pub Med Inst.
Lawrence Manor Nursing Home
Life Care Center Of North Shore
Lynn Convalescent Home & Infirmary
New Medico R&SNC Lenox Hill
Phillips Manor Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Atlantic Rest Home
Baker Manor Rest Home
Community Rest Home, Inc.
Harbor Hill Manor Rest Home
Lynn Home For Elderly Persons
Lynn Shore Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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